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Providing multiple buffers in a cell library

Computing, for each buffer, a cost function that is directly proportional to a delay of the buffer and inversely proportional to the logarithm of a stage gain of the buffer, the cost function may be precomputed for each buffer in the cell library

Selecting the buffer having the smallest cost function

Figure 21

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